

Serving co-ops in Durham, Toronto and York Region.

Planning and Housing Committee Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2.

Dear Committee members,

Re: Item PH 13.8 – Launching the Rental Housing Supply Program

We support the recommendations of the Executive Director of the Housing Secretariat and urge Toronto City Council to take all measures possible to ease the affordable housing crisis experienced by so many Torontonians.

For 50 years, CHFT has advocated for non-profit housing co-operatives as quality affordable housing where people get a say in how they live. We're thrilled to see municipal initiatives as well as those from other spheres of government to start building co-ops again.

We're ready to participate with our new associated organization CHFT Development Society Inc. to act as our resource group, providing the expertise necessary to move forward with co-op development. We look forward to working with the City to get shovels in the ground.

Thank you for your leadership.

Co-operatively,

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Tom Clement, Executive Director, CHFT On behalf of the 50,000 people living in 185 member housing co-ops in Toronto, York Region, and Durham